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DEPT PLEASE PASS SECDEF AND USMTM DHAHRAN FOR INFO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, YE, SA, JO

SUBJECT: DOD SURVEY OF YAR ARMED FORCES

REF SANAA 2272

1. DOD SURVEY TEAM MET WITH MODA COLONELS FALEH DHAHIRY AND ABDALLAH AL-FADUL ON NOVEMBER 4 TO REVIEW RESULTS OF DOD TEAM'S VISIT TO YAR. BOTH SIDES WERE IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING:

A. QUICK ACTION ON SOME ITEMS, INCLUDING TRAINING, IS NEEDED TO DEMONSTRATE TO YAR THAT TANGIBLE RESULTS ARE ON THE WAY.

B. LETTERS OF OFFER SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO SAG FOR SIGNING AND PAYMENT, WITH DELIVERIES DIRECT TO YAR.

C. MOST TRAINING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN YAR.

D. JORDANIAN TRAINING TEAM SHOULD BE USED IN YAR TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE; DHAHIRY WILL URGE SULTAN TO PROVIDE FUNDS ASAP.

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E. SAG SHOULD ESTABLISH SAMLL SUPERVISORY TRAINING

MISSION IN YAR, WITH JORDANIANS WORKING UNDER SAUDI SUPERVISION.

F. YAR SHOULD HAVE ARMORED CARS RATHER THAN TANKS.

G. C-130'S AND F-5E'S OFFER BEST SOLUTION TO YAR AIR FORCE NEEDS.

2. COL. DHAHIRY CLAIMS TO HAVE CONVINCED PRINCE SULTAN THAT YAR SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH SAME EQUIPMENT NOW BEING PURCHASED BY SAG, NOT WITH OLDER GENERATION MODELS, WITH ATTENDANT MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS.

3. COL. FADUL RAISED POINT THAT SAG WOULD NOT WISH TO "CONTAMINATE" ITS F-5 PILOTS BY EXPOSING THEM TO YEMENIS WITH SEVERAL YEARS EXPERIENCE IN SOVIET UNION, AND SAID SAG WOULD PREFER USG PROVIDE F-5 TRAINING. UNSURE IF THIS REQUEST COMES FROM MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

4. SAG SURVEY TEAM WILL COMPLETE SURVEY IN 3-4 WEEKS. FIFTER DEPARTING FOR US ON NOVEMBER 8 TO FINALIZE REPORT. AKINS

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